

**Block Island Housing Board
Thursday, March 11, 2010
Town Hall, Old Town Road
7:30 p.m.**

Present: Cindy Pappas, Doug Michel, Fraser Lang, Dan Barker, and Patty Murphy.
Also present were Judy Tierney, representing the BI Times, Ellen Jacke and Bill Carey.
Not Present: Debbie Howarth and Gerry Riker.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of minutes: Feb. 4, 2010 and subcommittee minutes of Feb. 3, 25, and March 4.

****Minutes** were approved with a correction to the Feb. 4 minutes in a motion by Patty Murphy and seconded by Fraser Lang.

Ayes 5 (Pappas, Michel, Lang, Barker, & Murphy) Nays 0

Correspondence/Public Input

The letter from Wildwood Properties introducing themselves as management for Ball Housing was discussed. (See attached).

Finance Report, payment of bills, collection update.

****Motion** was made by Doug Michel and seconded by Patty Murphy to accept the finance report. (attached).

Ayes 5 (Pappas, Michel, Lang, Barker, & Murphy) Nays 0

****Motion** was made by Patty Murphy and seconded by Dan Baker to pay Blish and Cavanagh's bill for \$65.00.

Ayes 5 (Pappas, Michel, Lang, Barker, & Murphy) Nays 0

****Motion** was made by Patty Murphy and seconded by Dan Baker to pay Richard Greene and Associates bill for \$1,940.00.

Ayes 4 (Pappas, Lang, Barker & Murphy) Nays 0 Abstain 1 (Michel)

Clerk reported that \$71,946.36 had been collected to date and that she had sent out 348 second letters.

Jacke property update; Subcommittee reports:

Doug Michel recused himself from the Building Subcommittee discussion. Selection of the 38 x 26 two bedroom house was discussed. (Plans attached). Discussed was:

- Gerry Riker getting specs from Arnold Lumber
- Window design
- The Big Rock
- Changes to the driveway

Changes to the siting and driveway require going back to zoning. A recommendation was made to have Michael Ernst dig test holes around the rock to see how deep and far it goes.

Doug Michel returned to the table.

The Eligibility committee reviewed the final draft of the application. (copy attached) There was a discussion about the \$10,000 deposit upon selection. It was not included in the application. Bill Landry will be asked about this and asked for suggestions about where it should be noted.

****A motion was made by Fraser Lang and seconded by Dan Barker to accept the eligibility requirements as written (with one correction).**

Ayes 5 (Pappas, Michel, Lang, Barker, & Murphy) Nays 0

Next step would be to begin the lottery process but it was decided to hold off on this until we re further down the road.

Fraser Lang will start working on the guidelines for an applicant package to perspective clients.

Brown Smith property; discuss agreement for mowing/clearing and horses.

This was tabled.

CDBG grant

Cindy Pappas reported that there is 3 ½ weeks to the final application. She said that the application needed better financial data, including quotes and estimates and supporting documents and that everyone was working on it. She also mentioned a RI Builds Program Grant that has an application in mid-summer and could possibly provide \$50,000 per house.

Vail Colorado's Affordable Housing Program

Fraser Lang reported on how Vail handles its employee housing which prompted a discussion about Block Island's employee housing.

With no discussion for closed session; a motion was made by Patty Murphy and seconded by Fraser Lang to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved: 4/8/2010

Bonny Ryan